

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NOME SUBDISTRICT BEACH SEINE PERIODS ANNOUNCED

Pink salmon are showing increasing strength in Nome Subdistrict rivers and the escapement goal is projected to be met.

To increase the efficiency of the subsistence harvest during the better drying conditions the department will allow the use of beach seines during the scheduled subsistence gillnet fishing period in the marine waters beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 and the fresh water subsistence gillnet period beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 12. Both the marine water and fresh water net fishing periods will end at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 14.

Gillnets up to 300 feet in length are allowed in marine waters.

The fresh water areas open to net fishing are listed on the Nome Subdistrict permit. Gillnets up to 50 feet in length are allowed. No more than one-half of any channel may be blocked by gillnets.

Subsistence hook and line fishing is open at all times. Sport fish bag limits apply when subsistence fishing with hook and line outside of Nome Subdistrict subsistence areas and all chum salmon must be immediately released in the water when fishing in the Nome Subdistrict outside of the subsistence areas listed on the back of the permit. No snagging is allowed anywhere in fresh waters.

Here are the escapement counts in Norton Sound this season.

North River: 230 kings, 500 chums, 20,000 pinks
Unalakleet River: 80 kings, 15,000 chums, 100,000 pinks
Inglutalik River: 500 kings, 11,000 chums, 20,000 pinks
Kwiniuk River: 3,000 chums, 70,000 pinks
Niukluk River: 5,000 chums, 25,000 pinks
Eldorado River: 100 chums, 200 pinks
Nome River: 200 chums, 4,000 pinks
Snake River: 5 chums, 25 pinks
Glacial Lake: 500 sockeyes
Pilgrim River: 100 chums, 25 pinks, 100 sockeyes

Good Luck and Good Fishing!